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## FOIA REQUEST

Fee waiver requested

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of all communications between the United States Department of Agriculture and the Environmental Protection Agency pertaining to the May 29, 2015 announcement that USDA will invest up to \$100 million in a Biofuels Infrastructure Partnership to expand the availability of blender pumps. I'm requesting all communications – including emails, letters, and texts - from November 21, 2014 through May 29, 2015. In addition, I would like the dates and participants of all meetings pertaining to the announcement.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities. Information, via our non-profit, will be distributed to public. It is critical that the public receives this information given that the EPA plans to finalize the 2014, 2015, and 2016 Renewable Volume Obligations under the Renewable Fuel Standard by November 2015.

However, I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$100. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Autumn Hanna Senior Program Director